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## Conservation Commission Minutes 06/20/2013

Arlington Conservation Commission  
 Minutes  
 June 20, 2013

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Michelle Durocher, Curt Connors, Eileen Coleman, Chris Naylor, Charles Tirone, and David White of the Commission. Catherine Garnett, of the Commission, was not present. Also present were Dan Penney and Bruce Whelittle.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

The developer at the **Symmes** project asked to put in plantings at the sales trailer sign. White/Connors motioned to approved the proposal; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens reported that Ms. Garnett met with ARB, Clarissa Rowe, Christine Scypinski to review the management plan for the conservation area.

8pm – **Request for Determination of Applicability** – 48 LakeHill Ave, rebuild porches

Mr. Penney presented the project to replace the existing enclosed porches with a new open deck. The footings will be 6 sonotubes. The stairs are included in the layout shown on the plan, with a small 20 inch by 40 inch concrete pad for the footing. The layout of the deck is 10 feet by 14 feet, with the stairs the layout is 10 feet by 17 feet 4 inches. The dumpster will be in the driveway for demolition. The sonotubes will be dug by hand. The shed at the rear of the yard, on cinderblock footings, is included with this permit, and if there are any changes to it, the homeowner needs a permit from the Commission.

White/Connors motioned to approve the work and that while the work is within an area of jurisdiction of the Commission, that it will not impact the resource area and no Notice of Intent is required; motion passed unanimously.

### Commission Business (cont.)

Mr. Stevens reported on the 6/14 site walk to **Spy Pond Park** attended by Ms. Garnett, Mr. Tirone, and Mr. Stevens. There are areas that need attending to, informal paths are forming down near the water's edge, areas of vegetation are being trampled by the foot traffic. New plantings should be considered. A resolution may be to meet with the Friends of Spy Pond Park and the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Tirone also asked about the boating regulation on the pond in regards to wakes churning up the shoreline.

Ms. Beckwith reported that an **intern** is looking for projects that need attention. The Commission suggested invasive plant control work such as bittersweet in the Town Hall garden, Japanese Knotweed in McClennan Park, an overall invasive plant inventory on public lands. This last item could be coordinated with information included in the Walking Book maps.

Mr. White reported that the **water chestnut removal at the Arlington Reservoir** is in progress with the harvester offloading in the same spot as last year, and the plants are being dewatered again in the emergency spillway. The plants are being placed into a metal container, then the backhoe moves the plants to the spillway. The harvester was launched in Lexington, in the same location as last year.

Ms. Coleman reported that she is suggesting a new **Land Steward coordination meeting** in fall, possibly on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. It would be good to have a speaker, possibly new plant inventory information, new information on vertical gardening.

The Commission will work with the DPW to develop a **snow removal and disposal plan**.

Mr. Whelple reported that all was quiet at the **Coolidge Rd** properties.

Mr. White reported that the **National Grid gas line** installation work is past the vicinity of Mill Brook.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator